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probably of Frederick county, where son Reuben was born March 29, 1789. Thos. Withers married a second time and removed to Kentucky; but his son Reuben settled in Alexandria, Va., where he became an extensive merchant, and about 1816 removed to New York city. His son Dunham Withers, was the father of A. W. Withers, of Gloucester county, Va. In this branch of the family is an old armorial emblazening, on the back of which is the following inscription: "The arms of the Family of Withers, as granted and confirmed to Sir R'd Withers, of East Sheen, the ancestor of the poet, and registered in the College of Arms, London, 1487." The arms are *argent, a chevron gules, between three crescents sable.* Crest: *a Rhinosceros or.*

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## THE YATES FAMILY.

The name of Yates or Yeates appears in the early history of Virginia on her Land Books and other still extant records. The first of the name who seems to have founded a family, was the Rev. Bartholomew Yates, rector of Christ Church, Middlesex county, from March 15, 1703, until his death, July 26, 1734. His predecessor in charge of that church was the Rev. Robert Yates, who was supposed by Bishop Meade to have been his father. It will appear that this is a mistake and that they were brothers, not father and son. Robert Yates' rectorship began 1699, but his health compelled him to relinquish it and to return to England.

Charles Yates, born 1728, emigrated to Virginia in 1752 and settled in Fredericksburg, where he lived as a prosperous merchant until his death in 1809. He was childless, and at his instance his nephew, John Orfeur Yates, came to Virginia in 1792. He was a member of the Law Class in William and Mary College in 1801 or 2, where he fought a duel. He inherited all of his uncle's property, including a farm in Jefferson county, upon which he resided until his death. He is the *stirps* of a numerous race.

Charles Yates was the son of Rev. Francis Yates, of Whitehaven, England, who was the son of another Rev. Francis Yates, of the same place.

One of the descendants of John O. Yates, the Rev. Felix K. Aglionby, now of England, obtained from the Registrar of the Diocese in Chester the following record of the family of William Yates, of Shackley, in the Parish of Donnington, who died in 1697, and Katharine his wife who died in October, 1706.

1. John, born November 3, 1658. Baptized November 28, 1658.
2. Mary, born March 19, 1660. Baptized, April 23, 1660.
3. William, baptized December 10, 1661.
4. Benjamin, baptized August 20, 1663.
5. Samuel, baptized July 18, 1665.

6. Francis, baptized September 14, 1666.
7. Richard, baptized June 19, 1669.
8. John, baptized May 19, 1671.
9. Robert, baptized October 30, 1673.
10. Bartholomew, baptized August 24, 1676.

The Francis in this family was the above named Rev. Francis Yates, first, of Whitehaven, and that the Robert and Bartholomew were the rectors of Christ Church, Middlesex, is apparent from several circumstances.

Colonel Lewis Willis, of Fredericksburg, in a letter to Charles Yates, written from camp in 1777, refers to his relative Parson Yates—and to the writer's school-boy days under his tuition. John O. Yates, in his will, enjoined upon his heirs the preservation of the tombstone of Rev. Bartholomew Yates, and left a memorandum stating that two of the sons or brothers of his ancestor, the Rev. Francis Yates, came to Virginia and were professors at William and Mary. Our Robert and Bartholomew did come to Virginia, and one of them was professor in Wm. and Mary College and left a son who was President of the College.

Mr. Aglionby stated that the record in *Alumni Oxonienses* bears the name of Bartholomew Yates in 1694, on list of members of Brazenose College—and Rev. Jno. Yates Gholson in a communication to *Southern Churchman*, dated Baltimore, January 16, 1880, says: "We find from University of Oxford records here in Peabody Institute that Bartholomew Yates graduated at Brazenose College on October 12, 1698." The inscription on tombstone stated that our Bartholomew "died July 26, 1734, in the fifty-seventh year of his age." If it had stated that he was aged fifty-seven years, the age would have exactly corresponded with that of the above William Yates' son Bartholomew. This minute discrepancy cannot seriously impair however, the conclusive force of the inference from the correspondence of other details.

The occurrence of the Christian names of the Shackley family in the Middlesex family in Virginia is very striking. The Parish records of Christ Church have been published by the Colonial Dames of Virginia. In them we have a full record of the marriage of Rev. Bartholomew Yates, and the births and baptisms of all his children. The first one bears the name of Catherine, that of the mother of the Shackley family, and Revs. William, Robert and Bartholomew of the Shackley family are reproduced in the sons of Bartholomew, and the masculine Francis in the Shackley family has its corresponding feminine Frances in the Middlesex family. Nor is it insignificant that the three clerical Brothers, Revs. Francis, Robert and Bartholomew in the elder family are followed by the three clerical sons of Bartholomew.

From this Shackley family the Virginia Yates trace their descent—John Orfeur Yates was son of ——— who was son of Rev. Francis (2nd)

of Whitehaven, son of Rev. Francis (1st) of Whitehaven—son of William and Katherine Yates of Shackley.

This John O. Yates was the *stirps* of the Jefferson family, of which a very full and interesting history has been written by one of his descendants, Miss ——— Terrell, and printed in a limited edition for private distribution.

A younger son of William and Katharine Yates, of Shackley, was the Rev. Bartholomew Yates, born 1676, died July 26, 1734, rector of Christ Church, Middlesex, from 1703 'till his death, and for some years Professor of Divinity in and one of the Visitors of William and Mary College. His memory as a faithful and godly minister of the Gospel was cherished, says Bishop Meade in "Old Churches and Families," through all subsequent colonial history. In Bishop Perry's papers of the Colonial Church, page 296–8, we have report by himself, April 12, 1726, to his ecclesiastical superiors, in which he states that he arrived in Virginia February 2, 1700, was licensed by Bishop Compton, of London, to officiate as Missionary, September 10, 1700, had two parishes before Christ Church, Middlesex county, viz: Sittonborne and Kingstone; removed from latter in March, 1703, and was inducted into his then living (Christ Church, Middlesex county, Va.), March 15, 1703, and that he had a Glebe and Glebe House and salary of 16,000 pounds of Tobacco: value in sterling uncertain and dependent on, state of market, &c. In consequence of the effort of another Parish to obtain his services, the Middlesex vestry enlarged and improved the rectory and by formal application to the Legislature raised his salary to 20,000 pounds Tobacco On a visit to England the members of his Parish wrote to the Bishop of London asking him to extend to their rector "whatever regard or respect is due to a minister of God's holy Gospel who returned home to our mother country after 25 years of diligence, & God be thanked we hope we have good reason to believe, effectual labor in the Lord's vineyard in these plantations." Bishop Perry publishes another letter in similar terms, signed Philagathur, appealing for increase of his compensation,saying: "If ever a man deserved any thing for propagating the Gospsl in these parts he does," and speaks of his two sons in England, both studying and dedicated to religion—page 348, 355.

He was one of the Visitors of William and Mary College, and subsequently up to the time of his death, professor of Divinity in that institution.

He married Sarah Mickleburrough, September 14, 1704. He left three sons, all like himself, ministers of the Colonial Church, all of whom are recorded in a list of the clergy of Virginia, October 30, 1754. *Perry's Col. Ch.*, p. 411. Of one of these sons Mr. Blair writes to the Bishop of London, May 29, 1740, p. 362: "One Mr. Yates, son of a very worthy Father, who died a few years ago (if it is not done already) will wait on your Lordship for orders and licenses, and will be very welcome here

on account of his Father's Memory." The dates hereafter given from *Alumni Oxonienses*, of the two elder son's university record, indicate that this reference is to the younger son, William.

The Parish Register of Christ Church, records the marriage as above stated, of Rev. Bartholomew Yates and Sarah Mickleburrough, and of births and baptisms of their six children—three daughters and three sons:

1st. Catherine, b. June 24; Bap. July 4, 1706.
2d. Sarah, b. Mar. 3, 1707.
3d. Bartholomew, b. Feb. 9; Bap. Feb. 17, 1712.
4th. Robert, b. Jan. 8; Bap. Jan. 20, 1715.
5th. Frances, b. Nov. 15; Bap. Nov. 17, 1718.
6th. William, b. Dec. 10; Bap. Dec. 14, 1720.

Of the daughters, we know very little. 1st. Catharine, married John Walker, May 10, 1733, birth and baptism as above, and death of Catharine Walker, October 5, 1738, and births and baptisms of two children recorded in Parish Register:

1. Sarah, b. June 30, 1734. Bap. July 4, 1734.
2. Clara, b. Aug. 7. Bap. Aug. 9, 1737.

John Walker died 1745, leaving in his will his daughter Sarah, to care of her grandmother Sarah Yates, and her daughter Clara, to Captain Henry Thacker and wife.—*Va. Hist. Mag.*, I, 470.

2d. Sarah. Parish Register only records her birth. As the record of birth and baptism was generally made together—she may have died in infancy. She may have lived to be the first wife of John Robinson (son of Christopher and Judith Wormeley) born 1707, died 1787, whose first wife was a Miss Yates.—*Rich'd Standard*, March 19, 1881.

3d. Frances, married February 2, 1737-8, Rev. John Reade, son of Thomas Reade (son of George Reade and Elizabeth Martian, ancestors of General Washington) and Lucy Gwin. He was rector of Stratton Major Parish in King and Queen county, and probably died in 1743, when he ceased to be rector. After death of first Bartholomew Yates, while the Parish was waiting for Bartholomew, second, to be ordained, he officiated temporarily in Christ Church, where he probably became acquainted with his wife. The Parish Register records her birth, baptism and marriage, and birth and baptism of her son John, born June 19, baptized June 20, 1744. This son died in infancy, but she had also a daughter Sarah, who married in March, 1760, John Rootes.—*Wm. and Mary Quarterly*, III, 40; IV, 122; VII, 190.

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## THE BOOKER FAMILY.

In the York county records, book 1638-1648, page 434, the following appears: